

HOUSE BILL 1550

By Todd

AN ACT to amend Chapter 324 of the Private Acts of 1980; as amended by Chapter 34 of the Private Acts of 1985; Chapter 65 of the Private Acts of 2005 and Chapter 54 of the Private Acts of 2020; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the hotel-motel tax for Madison County and the City of Jackson.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 11 of Chapter 324 of the Private Acts of 1980, as amended by Chapter 34 of the Private Acts of 1985, Chapter 65 of the Private Acts of 2005, and Chapter 54 of the Private Acts of 2020, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead:

Section 11. Application and allocation of revenue. The proceeds of the tax authorized by this Act shall be appropriated and allocated by the County Trustee as follows:

A. Beginning the first day of the second calendar month next following the date when a single tourism attraction project within the meaning of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-53-101(15)(E), located within the County, as designated by the Community Economic Development Commission created and established elsewhere in this Act, is determined by the Community Economic Development Commission to be substantially completed and eligible for issuance by the local governmental authority of an unconditional occupancy permit, and continuing thereafter for a period of twenty (20) years, there shall be allocated to the Community Economic Development Commission one hundred percent (100%) of all net taxes collected by the County Trustee from such tourism attraction project, to be used by said Commission in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 10 of this Act.

B. If no tourism attraction project, as defined in Section A, is under construction in the County by December 31, 2024, as determined by the Community Economic Development Commission, then the tax allocation to the Community Economic Development Commission, as defined in Section A, shall be null and void.

C. The remaining proceeds of the taxes, including all proceeds received or allocable to periods prior to and subsequent to the twenty-year period set forth in subsection A or the December 31, 2024, date set forth in Section B, whichever is applicable, shall be allocated and paid by the County Trustee as follows:

(1) Forty percent (40%) of the proceeds shall be allocated to and placed in the general fund of the City of Jackson;

(2) Forty percent (40%) of the proceeds shall be allocated to and placed in the general fund of Madison County; and

(3) Twenty percent (20%) of the proceeds shall be allocated and placed in a fund to be administered by the Community Economic Development Commission created and established elsewhere in this Act, to be used by said Commission in accordance with the purposes as set forth in Section 10 of this Act.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Madison County and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Jackson. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officers of the legislative bodies and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.